



Media Advisory

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Happy Hollow Park & Zoo

Danny the Dragon to Get New Home ***Largest Project from Measure P to Break Ground***

Event: Celebrate the groundbreaking for the Happy Hollow Park & Zoo renovation and expansion, the largest of the projects funded by Measure P, with Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Happy Hollow board members, City of San José staff, and park guests.

When: **Thursday, June 26, 2008**
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony

Where: **Happy Hollow Park & Zoo at Kelley Park, 1300 Senter Rd., San José, CA**
Groundbreaking will take place in front of the Danny the Dragon ride.

Who: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Madison Nguyen, District 7
Heather Lerner, Board President, Happy Hollow Corporation
Representatives from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
Representatives from the Department of Public Works

Background: The project to renovate and expand Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is the largest of the projects funded by Measure P Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond approved by voters in 2000. The project is the only one specifically mentioned in the bond measure, and the completion of this project will implement the visions of the 1991 Kelley Park and 1996 Happy Hollow Park and Zoo master plans.

In addition to renovating the Danny the Dragon ride, other improvements include an Education Center, new rides and play areas, new Zoo exhibits, a restaurant, pathways, and a new parking area as well as an entrance plaza. Also in keeping with Happy Hollow's conservation mission and the City of San Jose's mission to build greener, the design and construction of the "New" Happy Hollow Park & Zoo will implement many green building components and when completed will be applying for LEED certification, not just for one building, but the entire facility!

Happy Hollow will close for Phase 2 of construction on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Construction is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2009.

Located in Kelley Park on the corner of Story and Senter Roads, Happy Hollow Park & Zoo has been providing affordable family entertainment, education, and fun since 1961. Families can enjoy rides, puppet shows, play areas, and over 150 animals ranging from a jaguar named Sophia to the playful family of meerkats.

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